

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

~~Article 27 — Crimes and Punishments~~

~~121A.~~

~~(a) In this section "course of conduct" means a persistent pattern of conduct, composed of a series of acts over a period of time, that evidences a continuity of purpose.~~

~~(b) This section does not apply to any peaceable activity intended to express political views or provide information to others.~~

~~(c) A person may not follow another person in or about a public place or maliciously engage in a course of conduct that [alarms or] seriously annoys another person:~~

~~(1) With intent to [harass, alarm, or] annoy the other person;~~

~~(2) After reasonable warning or request to desist by or on behalf of the other person; and~~

~~(3) Without a legal purpose.~~

~~(d) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, is subject to a fine not exceeding \$500 or imprisonment for not more than 30 days.~~

~~121B.~~

~~(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING TERMS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.~~

~~(2) (1) "COURSE OF CONDUCT" MEANS A PERSISTENT PATTERN OF CONDUCT COMPOSED OF A SERIES OF ACTS OVER A PERIOD OF TIME, HOWEVER SHORT, THAT EVIDENCES A CONTINUITY OF PURPOSE.~~

~~(H) "COURSE OF CONDUCT" DOES NOT INCLUDE PICKETING OR OTHER ORGANIZED PROTESTS AND ANY OTHERWISE LAWFUL ACTIVITY THAT IS INTENDED TO EXPRESS POLITICAL VIEWS OR PROVIDE INFORMATION TO OTHERS.~~

~~(3) "CREDIBLE THREAT" MEANS A THREAT TO KILL ANOTHER PERSON OR TO INFLECT BODILY INJURY ON ANOTHER PERSON THAT IS MADE IN ANY MANNER OR CONTEXT THAT CAUSES THE PERSON HEARING OR RECEIVING THE THREAT TO REASONABLY FEAR FOR THE SAFETY OF THE PERSON WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF THE THREAT.~~

~~(4) "HARASS" MEANS TO ENGAGE IN A KNOWING AND WILLFUL COURSE OF CONDUCT THAT IS DIRECTED AT A SPECIFIC PERSON, INCLUDING REPEATED FOLLOWING OF A PERSON, THAT:~~

~~(1) CAUSES THE PERSON TO FEAR FOR THE PERSON'S OWN SAFETY OR THE SAFETY OF A FAMILY MEMBER;~~